

**Director's Forum Minutes
State Laboratory Institute
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm July 10, 2006/ Room 202**

Attendees: Dina Caloggero, John Fontana, Cheryl Gauthier, Mariah Grazioplene, Garry Greer, Linda Han, Kathleen Nawn, Joseph Peppe, Charles Salemi, Sandra Smole, Xingtai Wang, Sally Cheney, Harvey George, Raimond Konomi.

Excused: Peter Belanger, Alan Borne, Marcia Stowell, Barbara Werner, Paul Elvin, Alexander Sloutsky and Julianne Nassif.

Chair: Alfred DeMaria

Minutes: Austin Nagle

General Business (A. DeMaria)

The Center for Laboratories and Disease Control (CLDC) comprised of the Bureau of Laboratory Sciences (BLS) and the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control (BCDC) is now a reality. This is approved and official.

The position of the Director of the Bureau of Laboratory Sciences/State Laboratory Institute is about to be posted by UMASS. Also, the head hunter that worked for DPH with the last search committee has been brought back on board.

The creation of the CLDC does not have a major impact on the structure of the bureaus or their activities. There has been some re-alignment of programs for consistency across the center. Please see the attached organizational charts.

With a new Director hired under a contract with UMASS, there may be an opportunity for a few DPH employees to move over and become faculty at UMASS. Please forward me your CV's electronically.

Next Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 9 a.m. in the auditorium, I will officially present the Center for Laboratories and Disease Control to the staff of BLS and BCDC, and to allow for questions and discussion.

Some good news, the State Lab account has been increased and a supplemental budget has been enacted that provides some extra money for the fiscal year. Most of the money will need to be allocated to existing deficiencies, but without it we would be facing severe challenges.

DCAM has come up with 10 million dollars for capital rehab projects for the State Lab. This money will be used first for power/electric upgrades, HVAC and elevator improvements.

Next week's Director's meeting will start at 2:30.